

REMARKS

Claims 31-35 are pending. Claims 31 and 34 are rejected. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 32-33 and 35 include allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the claim rejections, the claims have been amended for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and placing the application in condition for allowance. For example, claim 31 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 32 (which has been canceled without prejudice). Moreover, allowable claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 31. Further, claim 34 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 35. As such, the current independent claims 31, 33 and 34 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

It is to be emphasized that Applicants have amended the claims only to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants do not concede in any way that the current claim rejections are valid or that the originally filed or newly added claims in this application are not patentable over the cited art of record. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any claim that has been canceled during prosecution of this application in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

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